

House is meeting in the Committee of the Whole House under the 5-minute rule: Committee on Agriculture; Committee on Banking and Financial Services; Committee on Commerce; Committee on Government Reform and Oversight; Committee on International Relations; Committee on the Judiciary; Committee on National Security; Committee on Resources; Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

It is my understanding that the minority has been consulted and that there is no objection to these requests.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, we have consulted with the Members on our side of the aisle on the committees that the gentleman just mentioned, and we have no objection to the unanimous consent request.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for carrying on the committee of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON]?

There was no objection.

WITHDRAWAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor of House Joint Resolution 2.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

REVISED DEFERRAL AND REVISED RESCISSION PROPOSALS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 104-40)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. I laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one revised deferral, totaling \$7.3 million, and two

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of Public Law 94-304, as amended by section 1 of Public Law 99-7, the Chair, without objection, appoints to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe the following Members of the House: Mr. PORTER of Illinois; Mr. WOLF of Virginia; Mr. FUNDERBURK of North Carolina; Mr. SALMON of Arizona; Mr. HOYER of Maryland; Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts; Mr. RICHARDSON of New Mexico; and Mr. CARDIN of Maryland.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO UNITED STATES GROUP OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 1928a, the chair, without objection, appoints to the United States Group of the North Atlantic Assembly the following Members of the House: Mr. ROSE of North Carolina; Mr. HAMILTON of Indiana; Mr. COLEMAN of Texas; and Mr. RUSH of Illinois.

There was no objection.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEY). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members are recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. TORKILDSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. TORKILDSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. BRYANT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from Georgia [Mr. LEWIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today marks the midway point in NEWT GINGRICH's Contract With America. It is an extremist document which sets back the clock. It is a contract which rewards the wealthy at the expense of our children, our senior citizens, the poor and hard working class Americans. Let's look back over the past 50 days and review what this band of extremists has done.

The new majority has reduced the number of police that were to patrol our city streets through their crime bill—this is their Contract With America. They have proposed denying food to hungry school children through elimination of the School Lunch Program—this is their Contract With America. The Republican majority has passed a bill which will make it more difficult to protect our air and keep our water clean. They would cut nutrition programs for our senior citizens—these, too, are the Contract With America. The Republicans seek to gut the Corporation for Public Broadcasting which through its PBS stations provides educational television for us and our children—this is the Contract With America. And the Republicans have vowed "to fight with all their being" a small increase in the minimum wage, a wage which provides those who receive it a living standard 30% below the poverty level—alas, this also is the Contract With America.

And the new, extreme, Republicans have done all this while advocating tax cuts for the top 1% of Americans. This, my friends, all of this, is their Contract With America.

Of course, not everything they have done these 50 days has been bad. The Congress did pass the Congressional Accountability Act which makes the Congress live by the same Labor and Civil Rights laws as those in the private sector. Of course, the last Congress, the Democratic Congress, passed the same bill with more than 400 votes.

Mr. Speaker, if these are the accomplishments of the Republican Congress, if this is what they've done to us in the first 50 days, imagine what they'll do to us in the next 50 days and in the next two years.

We need a government that is leaner, not a government that is meaner. We need a federal government that is less bureaucratic, not one that is less compassionate.

NEWT GINGRICH and his Republican colleagues have gone too far. In their rush to the right, they have forgotten not just those on the left, but those in